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(54) Title: CARBONATED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a carbonated beverage containing: - 900-988 mg/g water; - 3-60 mg/g ethanol; - 0.2-8 mg/g dissolved carbon dioxide; - 0-4 mg/g protein; - ethyl acetate in a concentration of 1-20 mg per gram of ethanol; - isoamyl acetate in a concentration of 0.1-5 mg per gram of ethanol; - C3-C5 alcohols in a concentration of 1.5-50 mg per gram of ethanol; wherein ethyl acetate and isoamyl acetate are present in a weight ratio that is within the range of 2:1 to 30:1. The carbonated beverage of the present invention combines a punchy taste with a pleasant fruity flavor. The invention also provides a process of producing the aforementioned carbonated beverage, said process comprising: - providing a yeast fermented liquid comprising at least 1.5% (v/v) ethanol and volatile flavour components; - subjecting the yeast fermented liquid to a decarbonation step in which a gaseous component comprising carbon dioxide, ethanol and volatile flavour components is removed; - contacting the gaseous component with an aqueous liquid to transfer at least a part of the ethanol and the volatile flavour components from the gaseous component to the aqueous liquid, thereby producing scrubber water; - optionally diluting the scrubber water; and - carbonating the optionally diluted scrubber water.

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